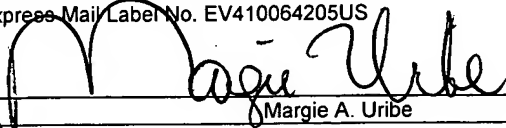


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Norberto A. Guzman, Ph.D.

Serial No. 10/821,328

Filed: June 17, 2002

For: **MULTI-DIMENSIONAL
ELECTROPHORESIS APPARATUS**

Group Art Unit: 1753

Examiner: Alexander Stephan Noguerola

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF IMPROPER REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

Sir:

In the Notice of Improper Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in the above-captioned application dated February 27, 2006, the RCE was held to be improper as not accompanied by a submission required by 37 C.F.R. 1.114. In response, the Applicant submits herewith the following:

1. An Amendment in response to the non-final Office Action dated November 15, 2006 in the above-captioned application;
2. A Second Petition for Extension of Time; and
4. An acknowledgement postcard.

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According to the calculation below, an additional claims fee of \$375.00 is due.

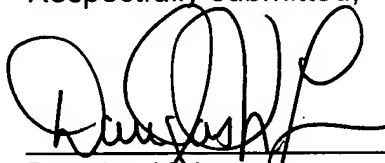
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TOTAL	42	28	14	x \$25	x \$50	\$375.00
INDEP.	1	3	0	x \$100	x \$200	0.00
1st Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim				x \$180	x \$360	0.00
				TOTAL		\$375.00

It is believed that this submission satisfies the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.114.

If there are any remaining issues, Examiner Noguerola is encouraged to telephone the below-signed counsel.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge all additional fees which may be required in regard to this Response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 07-1853.

Respectfully submitted,



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Dated: March 21, 2006

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